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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

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SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for the State School Aid Act Section 61a. (3)
Integration of Michigan Merit Curriculum Content Standards

The State School Aid Act provides \$1 million for the purpose of integrating the Michigan merit curriculum content standards under section 1278a and 1278b of the revised school code, MCL 380.1278a and 380.1278b, into state-approved career and technical education instructional programs for the purpose of awarding academic credit.

The funding provides districts with the opportunity to work with academic and CTE teachers to integrate instruction. Best practice models are available at both the national and state level to increase the effectiveness of the activity. Area centers will be encouraged to work collaboratively, where possible.

In districts where academic content has already been integrated into state approved CTE programs, funding may be used for the following supportive activities:

- school counselor and college counselor training regarding how to list integrated academic credit onto high schools transcripts since the manner in which courses are listed impacts college acceptance and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) scrutiny
- upgrade existing student management systems to accurately record academic credit on student high schools transcripts
- professional development/assistance/support for both academic and CTE teachers on the Collaborative Teaching Model and how to provide integrated instruction

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- exploration and piloting of a variety of delivery methods (on-line, flipped classrooms, blended learning) to provide Michigan Merit Curriculum Content through CTE

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for the State School Aid Act Section 61a. (3) Integration of Michigan Merit Curriculum Content Standards, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 22, 2013.

MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Criteria for the State School Aid Act Section 61a. (3) Integration of Michigan Merit Curriculum Content Standards

The State Board of Education has adopted as its mission "All students graduate ready for careers, college, and community."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

This grant supports the Board's priority to advocate for and impact policies and legislation that address pre-K-12 education issues, including but not limited to educator evaluations, Common core Standards and Assessments, Next Generation Science Standards, low performing schools, and early learning.

PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT

☐ Competitive ☐ Formula ☒ New ☐ Continuation ☒ Designated

The Michigan Merit Curriculum contains a provision that districts may deliver the required content standards through career and technical education. The purpose of this funding is to assist career and technical education area centers to integrate the Michigan Merit Content Standards into their instruction for the purpose of awarding academic credit. The grant is to provide maximum integration of Michigan merit curriculum content standards statewide.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved _____ N/A _____

☒ Defined in Statute ☐ Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder ☒ Proposed by Staff

The main criteria upon which subgrantees will be selected are the following:

Defined in Statute

- The applicant must be a district or intermediate district for area career and technical education centers.
- Michigan Merit Curriculum standards must be integrated under sections 1278a and 1278b of the Revised School Code, MCL 380.1278a and MCL 380.1278b.
- The content must be integrated into state approved career and technical education instructional programs for the purpose of awarding academic credit.

Proposed by Staff:

- In districts, intermediate districts, high schools, or consortia where academic content has already been integrated into state approved CTE programs, funding may be used for the following supportive activities:
 - a) school counselor and college counselor training regarding how to list integrated academic credit onto high school transcripts, since the manner in which courses are listed impacts college acceptance and NCAA scrutiny
 - b) upgrade existing student management systems to accurately record academic credit on student high school transcripts
 - c) professional development/assistance/support for both academic and career and technical education teachers on the Collaborative Teaching Model and how to provide integrated instruction
 - d) exploration and piloting of a variety of delivery methods (on-line, flipped classrooms, blended learning) to provide Michigan Merit curriculum Content through CTE

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS / TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Districts or intermediate districts for area career and technical education centers for the purposes of integrating Michigan merit curriculum content into state approved CTE instructional programs for awarding academic credit.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$1,000,000

STATUTE

State School Aid Act Section 61a. (3) of P.A. 60 of 2013 identifies \$1,000,000 to be made available to integrate academic content into CTE programs.

OFFICE ADMINISTERING GRANT / PROGRAM CONTACT

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